

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER STU ROOM 2

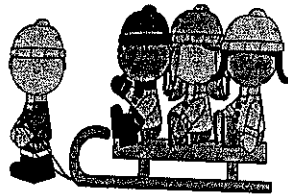
It is almost the halfway point of our school year already. WOW!!!

We thank all of you that came to talk to us for Teacher/Parent Conferences. It was great getting to know you better and talking about your wonderful kids.

We are honored that you trust us with your little ones.

December is a busy month for us. We will begin by working on our second round of assessments on the children. We will learn higher order math skills like creating and identifying patterns, identifying 2 digit numbers on our calendar. We will learn about more complex shapes such as crescents and pentagons and have lots of cutting practice. We will read stories, sing songs and learn about the different ways people celebrate the holidays around the world. And of course we will have stories about that "Big guy who wears red" and says HO HO HO! It will be a creative month as we work on a "SURPRISE" for our families. And just like busy little elves we will paint, color, cut, glue and glitter Candy Canes, Santas, Christmas Trees, Snowflakes and much more.

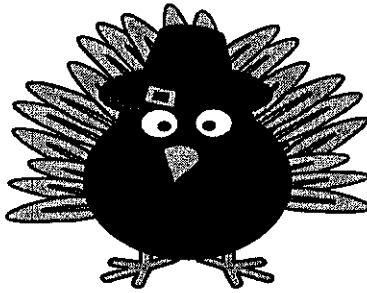
Finally we will get a daily visit from our classroom Elf (we will have an election to vote on his name) who is watching to see if we are naughty or nice. He might even play a few tricks on us. It's such a fun time for children and we teachers love this time of year too.



Winter Break.....Dec. 22-Jan. 7th

School resumes Monday January 8th 2018

Please continue to work with your child on their weekly homework packets and monthly family projects. I will send home a fun Winter Break homework packet to help keep your little ones busy on the long break. Children this age forget easily. Just a few weeks with no learning or review will cause them to regress and we don't want to have to start all over again in January.



Stu Room #2 November Newsletter

As the weather continues to change please make sure your child has a coat for school and he or she is dressed for outside play. We will continue to go outside for recess as long as the weather is 40 degrees or above. Don't forget hats and gloves for those chilly days. Even if it is too cold for outside play the children stand outside during bus loading and unloading. Please label all coats, hats and gloves with your child's name to prevent mix ups.

Now is a great time to work on independence with your child on dressing themselves. It is time to teach them to put on and zip, button and snap their own coats. They should be able to put on their own shoes too. For the kiddos moving on to Kinder next year shoe tying is also a skill that needs to be taught. I know it takes longer for them to do the task themselves, but part of parenting is patience and fostering independence so your child can learn and grow!

Thanksgiving Break is November 22nd & 23rd - NO SCHOOL

This month we will learn about Fairy Tales. (Remember Goldilocks and the 3 Bears or those 3 Little Pigs) We will also learn about healthy foods, good manners, the First Thanksgiving by participating in a Harvest Feast with the other Head Start classes in the building acting as either Pilgrims or Indians. We will introduce magnets, work on making patterns and continue to explore the changing fall scenery. We will have fun with musical instruments and use different painting techniques like stamping and painting with eye droppers. We will string beads and learn to play Duck Duck Goose. We will meet a Big Hungry Bear, a boy named Harold and his purple crayon and find out what happens when you give a Mouse a Cookie. It's going to be a busy month.